

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MUNETOSHI KAWAMURA

Application No.: 10/567,951

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For: FOOD PRESERVING METHOD AND
ITS DEVICE

Art Unit: 1794

Examiner: Jerry W. Anderson

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4)**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby disclose the following art along with a form PTO/SB/08a which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-100493 published by the Japan Patent Office on April 5, 2002; and

B. PCT Application International Publication No. WO 98/41115 published on September 24, 1998 by the WIPO (corresponding to the U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0093049 of Ito published on May 13, 2004).

Though the art A is not in English, Patent Abstracts of Japan in English and issued by the Japan Patent Office is attached to this art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) for this non-English language art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii), a computer-aided English translation issued by the Japan Patent Office is attached to this non-English art A.

The art B is also not in English. However, Abstract in English is contained in the front page of this art B. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) for this non-English language art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

An English translation of this non-English art B under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii) is not available at this time to the undersigned, and such translation is not attached hereto. However, for this art B, the corresponding U.S. patent application publication number 2004/0093049 is included in the above list for the convenience of the Examiner; and per the spirit of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), a copy of this U.S. patent (or English translation) is not attached to the art B.

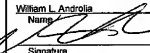
Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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